ing Kendriya Vidayalayas at the following places:

(1) ONGC, Rajamundry

(2) Railway Board, Gooty

(3) A.G.C. Centre, Timulgherry (Secunderabad)

(4) S.K. University, Anantpur.

The first two proposals satisfy the prereguisites for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(d) and (e). Kendriya Vidyalaya at ONGC, Rajamundry has already been sanctioned during 1991–92. The proposal for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gooty cannot be considered until further expansion of the scheme is approved for Eighth Plan period

[*Translation*]

Assistance to Cultural Organisation

6370. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether the Government have made provision of funds for providing financial assistance to the cultural organisations during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Statewise specific allocation of funds to cultural organisations is provided. However, the Department of Culture gives financial assistance to various cultural organisations under several schemes operated by it.

Import of foodgrains

6371. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses proposed to be imported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon in terms of rupees;

(b) whether besides price, any commission is also paid on the items imported; and

(c) if so, the amount of commission to be paid on the import of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Import of pulses is freely allowed under OGL. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the quantity of pulses likely to be imported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Conference of Women and Child Development

6372. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether a conference of Central and State Officers Incharge of Women and Child Development was held on October 22–23, 1991, in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main issues discussed therein; and

(c) the decisions taken at the conference and the action taken/being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. A meeting of State Secretaries and Directors incharge of Women and Child Development was held in New Delhi on 22 October, 1991. Representatives from the Central Ministries/Departments and other organisations concerned also participated in the meeting.

(b) and (c). The points/issues discussed at the meeting are given in the statement attached. The major recommendations included steps for implementing and monitoring the programmes of the Department of Women and Child Development more effectively and for developing a data base on women and children for a regular feedback on the relevant programmes and issues. The implementing agencies were requested to streamline the working of various programmes funded by the Department of Women and Child Development and to maintain a liaison with the local voluntary organisations to ensure their optimal participation in the schemes of the Department. Some new initiatives like the scheme of 'Adolescent Girls' were discussed. The Scheme of 'Adolescent Girls' has been taken up for implementation in selected blocks during the last quarter of 1991–92.

STATEMENT

Points/Issues discussed at the meeting of the State Secretaries and Directors Incharge of Women and Child Development, held in New Delhi on 22nd October, 1991

Women's Development

1. SAARC Decade of the Girl Child
2. Scheme of Strengthening of protective homes/Nari Niketans nun under Immoral Traffic Prevention Act (ITPA)
3. Women Development Corporations (WDC)
4. Reconstitution and Restructuring of the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards.
5. Short stay homes
6. Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a day care centre.
7. Monitoring and Supervision of the Central and Centrally Sponsored Programmes of Women's development.
8. Developing an information system with a focus on the data on dowry deaths & other atrocities against women.

Nutrition and Child Development

9. Integrated Child Development Services.

A. Administrative Issues.

B. Nutrition.

C. Health.

D. Early Childhood Education Services.

E. Convergence of other women and child specific programmes at Anganwadi level.

F. Community Participation.

G. Training of ICDS Functionaries.

H. Adolescent Girls

I. Important pending issues.

10. Wheat–Based Nutrition Programme

A. Non-submission of Monthly and Quarterly Progress reports.

B. Implementation of programme in central ICDS projects.

C. Utilization of wheat and Funds under the Scheme.

D. Adherence to the prescribed ceiling.

11. CARE/WFP Assisted Nutrition Programme

A. Food Management – Logistics.

B. Food Preparation and Distribution.

C. Non-issue of utilization certificate.

D. Sales proceeds of Empty containers/Gunny bags (CARE/WFP).

E. Utilization of CARE/WFP food commodities.

F. Audit Reports.

G. Feeding Interruptions

12. CRECHES/DAY Care Centres

13. Child Welfare

A. State Children's Board.

B. National Awards for Child Welfare.

C. UNICEF Greeting Cards Sale Campaign.

D. Financial Assistance to Voluntary Agencies under Government of India and UNICEF Plan of Operations, 1991–95.

E. Early Childhood Education.

14. World Declaration on the Survival Protection and Development of Children and Plan of Action.

Decentralisation of F.C.I.

6374. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functions of the Food Corporation of India have been decentralised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be decentralised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). Adequate decentralisation exists in different functional areas of Food Corporation of India. In this regard, the main aspects are indicated below:–

(i) The procurement of foodgrains is largly made through State Governments and other agencies. Direct procurement by FCI is relatively much less.

(ii) The distribution of foodgrains to the Public Distribution System is also mostly made through the State Governments or their agencies.

(iii) The storage capacity required for foodgrains is only partly owned by FCI. The balance requirements of FCI are met by other agencies such as Central Warehousing Corporation, State Warehousing Corporations, etc.

(iv) The organisational structure of FCI is decentralised into zones, regions and districts. Adequate powers, commensurate with functional requirements, have been delegated to the managerial personnel at successive levels.

Institute of Indology

6375. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI ASHT BHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish an International Institute of Indology to provide facilities for inter-disciplinary resources in Sanskrit and other Indian and foreign languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) A proposal to establish an International Institute of Indology was examined by the Government some time ago, but it was accorded a very low priority. It was, therefore, decided that no such institution need be set up.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

6376. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the rules prescribed and criteria adhered to for admission of students in the Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): 1. The Kendriya Vidyalayas cater primarily to the children of transferable employees of the Government of India and a change of station in the preceeding seven years is taken as a transfer.

2. The Kendriya Vidyalayas in the civil and Defence Sector adhere to the following priorities for admissions:

(i) Children of transferable Central Government employees including Defence Personnel, CRPF/BSF/SPG/CISF/NSG, employees of All Indian Services and Indian Foreign Serv-